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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your note on my column. In fact I think you ~~perceived~~ that my subject was simply a different one from the one that nags you.

I am enclosing some of my own previous writings that may give you an idea of the drift of my thoughts. I should be very cautious in attempting to write about this to a philosophically unprepared audience which is almost certain to misconstrue the intention of such discussion.

I am not sure that the nagging problem has as much content to it as I used to think myself. I don't see a pitched battle between man and machines for supremacy, for I don't see either the individual man or the individual machine as the relevant unit. My thinking is not my terminology runs close to the lines advocated in Julian Huxley's collection "The Humanist Frame".

Sincerely yours,

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